



**Submitted by:** Diane Larder, Director of Finance

**Report No:** 2022-051

**Council Meeting Date:** Regular Council - 23 Mar 2022

**Subject:** 2022 Budget - Grant Requests

**File:** F05-2022

## RECOMMENDATION:

**That Council pass a resolution to approve the grant amounts as outlined in Report No. 2022-051.**

## BACKGROUND & COMMENTS:

The Council of the Township of Zorra understands the necessities of community groups and is always open to the idea of partnering with area organizations to assist with the ongoing expenses or fundraising opportunities for projects over the year. Each year, the Township welcomes grant applications as part of the budgeting process and the 2022 Budget process has continued to include all grant applications that have been received.

On August 7, 2019 Council adopted Policy 500-06 establishing the Community Grant Program which sets out the criteria and annual application process for consideration of funding starting in 2020.

In 2020, the Township received nine (9) applications and granted a total of \$12,600.00. The Township received three (3) applications under the 2021 program; requesting a total of \$4,500 in financial assistance. The decline in 2021 was mainly due to the pandemic and the reduction in events/programs. The 2022 budget sees no difference from the previous year.

The 2022 Grant program has received 3 requests for a total of \$2,200.

<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Great Cycle Challenge	\$ 500
St Marys & Area Mobility Service	\$ 1,000
Embroid Pond Association	\$ 700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,200</b>

A total of six (6) grants have been received requesting a total of \$7,500 from area cemeteries plus an annual request of \$17,254 from the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery in partnership with the Town of Ingersoll.

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<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>Amount</b>
North End Cemetery	\$ 1,200
St Andrew's Cemetery	\$ 2,500
Townline Cemetery	\$ 500
St. John's Anglican Cemetery	\$ 800
Kintore Methodist Cemetery	\$ 1,000
Wesley Methodist Cemetery	\$ 1,500
Ingersoll Rural Cemetery	\$ 17,254
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,754</b>

The November 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting received a presentation by AJ Baker for funding of new playground equipment. The following resolution was received and filed: THAT the Township of Zorra commits to funding the playground equipment project at 30% of the final construction cost, to a maximum of \$13,000. And that, the AJ Baker Home and School Association will provide documentation to the Director of Finance to confirm:

1. The final construction costs of the playground equipment
2. That community fundraising has achieved the stated goal
3. The actual contribution from the Township of Zorra.

The amount of \$13,000 has been included in the 2022 Budget along with an additional grant of \$3,000 to assist with busing for the 3 schools located within the Township (Thamesford, Kintore and Embro).

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The financial impact of the report brought before Council has been included in the 2022 operating budget.

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

**Goal:**

We are an engaged community that values all members and actively encourages involvement, engagement, openness and transparency.

**Action:**

By supporting community organizations, events and celebrations

**Approved By:**

**Status:**

Diane Larder, Director of Finance  
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Karen Martin, Director of Corporate Services

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